

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.



Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Date Submitted: March 11, 2002

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

2

**Complete if Known**

<b>Application Number</b>	09/154,274
<b>Filing Date</b>	09/16/1998
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Zoltan G. TURI
<b>Group Art Unit</b>	3731
<b>Examiner Name</b>	William W. Lewis
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	039701-0102

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	A1	4,214,587		Sakura, Jr.	07/29/1980	
	A2	4,503,569		Dotter	03/12/1985	
	A3	4,592,754		Gupte et al.	06/03/1986	
	A4	4,617,932		Kornberg	10/21/1986	
	A5	4,665,906		Jervis	05/19/1987	
	A6	4,787,899		Lazarus	11/29/1988	
	A7	5,104,399		Lazarus	04/14/1992	
	A8	5,122,156		Granger et al.	06/16/1992	
	A9	5,135,467		Citron	08/04/1992	
	A10	5,207,695		Trout, III	05/04/1993	
	A11	5,211,658		Clouse	05/18/1993	
	A12	5,211,683		Maginot	05/18/1993	
	A13	5,275,622		Lazarus et al.	01/04/1994	
	A14	5,304,220		Maginot	04/19/1994	
	A15	5,316,023		Palmaz et al.	05/31/1994	
	A16	5,354,336		Kelman et al.	10/11/1994	
	A17	5,387,235		Chuter	02/07/1995	
	A18	5,397,345		Lazarus	03/14/1995	
	A19	5,397,355		Marin et al.	03/14/1995	
	A20	5,443,497		Venbrux	08/22/1995	
	A21	5,452,733		Sterman et al.	09/26/1995	
	A22	5,456,712		Maginot	10/10/1995	
	A23	5,489,295		Piplani et al.	02/06/1996	
	A24	5,507,769		Marin et al.	04/16/1996	
	A25	5,522,880		Barone et al.	06/04/1996	
	A26	5,545,214		Stevens	08/13/1996	
	A27	5,676,670		Kim	10/14/1997	
	A28	5,695,504		Gifford, III et al.	12/09/1997	
	A29	5,843,164		Frantzen et al.	12/01/1998	
	A30	5,843,170		Ahn	12/01/1998	
	A31	5,843,175		Frantzen	12/01/1998	
	A32	6,152,937		Peterson et al.	11/28/2000	

Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

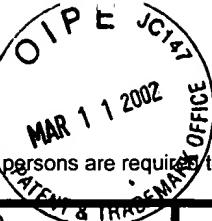
10/31/02

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.



Substitute for form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

Date Submitted: March 11, 2002

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2 of 2

**Complete if Known**

<b>Application Number</b>	09/154,274
<b>Filing Date</b>	09/16/1998
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Zoltan G. TURI
<b>Group Art Unit</b>	3731
<b>Examiner Name</b>	William W. Lewis

Attorney Docket Number 039701-0102

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
	A33	UK	489,316		Davis & Geck, Inc.	07/25/1938		
	A34	WO	89/08433		Lazarus	09/21/1989		
	A35	WO	93/00868		Owen	01/21/1993		
	A36	EP	0 539 237	A1	Chuter	04/28/1993		
	A37	WO	93/20757		Quijano et al.	10/28/1993		
	A38	AU	AU-B-1-18695/92		Piplani et al.	01/06/1994		
	A39	WO	94/01056		Andersen et al.	01/20/1994		
	A40	UK	2 269 104	A	Lazim	02/02/1994		
	A41	EP	0 637 454	A1	Quiachon et al.	02/08/1995		
	A42	WO	95/21593		Marin et al.	08/17/1995		
	A43	WO	95/21592		Goicoechea et al.	08/17/1995		
	A44	EP	0 680 734	A2	Lazarus	11/08/1995		
	A45	EP	0 684 022	A2	Quiachon et al.	11/29/1995		
	A46	EP	0 684 170	A1	Pedreau et al.	11/29/1995		
	A47	EP	0 701 800	A1	Dwyer et al.	03/20/1996		
	A48	EP	0 712 614	A1	Brown et al.	05/22/1996		
	A49	WO	96/14808		Brown et al.	05/23/1996		
	A50	WO	96/18361		Baker et al.	06/20/1996		
	A51	WO	96/22745		Trerotola et al.	08/01/1996		
	A52	WO	96/25897		Bley et al.	08/29/1996		
	A53	WO	97/13463		Evard et al.	04/17/1997		
	A54	WO	98/02099		Snow et al.	01/22/1998		
	A55	WO	98/19629		Bachinski et al.	05/14/1998		

**OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>6</sup>

Examiner Signature

Date Considered

10/31/02

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.